

# Clavicle ORIF Protocol

## Phase 1

- **Sling:** Wear sling at all times, including while sleeping. Weeks 0-2
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  - Perform scapular stability (shrugs, retraction) and grip exercises as shown
  - PASSIVE flexion/extension of elbow twice daily as shown (Do not over-extend)
  - Wrist and hand motion such as typing okay after 5 days. Minimal movement such as light grip/relaxing of the hand is encouraged soon after surgery
  - **No resistance/ holding objects with the arm/hand greater than 1-2 lb**
- **Weeks 2-6**
  - May discontinue sling after follow-up appt.
  - Contact the office if neck/shoulder pain/tension continues despite over-the-counter medication and ice/heat pack use
  - **Begin performing active ROM in all planes focusing on light daily tasks**
  - **Avoid forceful/ repetitive movements, limit force to about 10-15 lb max**

## Phase 2

- **Weeks 6-12**
  - Begin weight training/strengthening program as tolerated (usually 50-75% effort, limit 3x/wk max). Recommend modified activity at first such as lower weights or counter push ups
  - **We advise against intense sports/activity with likely impact, falls, or risk of forceful twisting of the shoulder until 2-3 months post-op**

## Phase 3

- **Weeks 12+**
  - Goals: Increase to full activity stepwise as tolerated

## Notes

- **Most patients will gain full ROM and strength easily on their own. However, we are happy to provide a Physical Therapy order if requested**

